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REQUEST FOR A CONTINUING APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) a
 continuation application of:
 divisional application of:

Pending Prior Application

Application No. 10/080,168 filed Feb. 21, 2002

Title SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR BI-DIRECTIONAL ACCESS TO A FASTENING DEVICE

Name of applicant(s) Sean W. Tucker

Copy of Application

- () Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the drawings.
 Enclosed is a new specification, including new drawings.

Oath or Declaration

- Enclosed is a copy of the prior Declaration (37 CFR 1.63(d)).
 Enclosed is a newly executed Declaration (original or copy).

Foreign Priority - 35 USC 119

- () Foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 has been claimed in prior Application No. _____
 filed on _____ in _____
 () The certified copy has been filed in prior Application No. _____
 filed _____.
 () A separate paper claiming direct priority to a foreign application is enclosed herewith. A certified copy of the foreign application will be provided in due course.

Relate Back - 35 USC 120

Cross Reference To Related Application(s);

This is a () continuation divisional
 of copending application number 10/080,168 filed on Feb. 21, 2002
 which is hereby incorporated by reference herein.

Inventorship Statement

- () Delete the following named individuals as inventors in this application in accordance with 37 CFR 1.53(b) as a result of a change in the claimed subject matter:

Appointment of Associate Attorney

- () Recognize as Associate Attorney or Agent _____

Registration No. _____

() authorization is hereby granted by signature below of the Attorney or Agent of record

() the Associate Attorney or Agent may not have the authority to appoint other Attorneys or Agents

Communications

- (X) Address all future communications to: Direct telephone calls to:

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Other Amendments

- () Enter the enclosed Preliminary Amendment. The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the amended claims.

Fee Calculation

(X) The filing fee is calculated below for (X) Utility () Design

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| (1) FOR | (2) NUMBER FILED | (3) NUMBER EXTRA | (4) RATE | (5) TOTALS |
| TOTAL CLAIMS | 12 — 20 | 0 | X \$18 | \$ 0 |
| INDEPENDENT CLAIMS | 2 — 3 | 0 | X \$86 | \$ 0 |
| ANY MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS | 0 | | \$290 | \$ 0 |
| BASIC FEE: Design (\$340.00); Utility (\$770.00) | | | | \$ 770 |
| TOTAL FILING FEE | | | | \$ 770 |
| TOTAL CHARGES TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT | | | | \$ 770 |

Charge \$ 770 to Deposit Account 08-2025. At any time during the pendency of this application, please charge any fees required or credit any over payment to Deposit Account 08-2025 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.25. Additionally please charge any fees to Deposit Account 08-2025 under 37 CFR 1.16 through 1.21 inclusive, and any other sections in Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations that may regulate fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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